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Boussie et al.

Serial No.:

09/992,630

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Complexes And Catalysts

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY/AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This Reply/Amendment A is submitted in response to the Office action dated March 4, 2004. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are now pending in the above-referenced patent application.

Provisional Rejections for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting 1.

Claims 1-17 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 7-30 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,789. See paragraph 3 at page 2 of the Office action.

The applicant is filing a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/992,789, to obviate this basis for rejection. This filing is being made to advance the prosecution of this case, without prejudice, and without admitting to or otherwise acquiescing to the aformentioned remarks set forth in the Office action.

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1.EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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| Independent Claims | -3** | = | X | | <u> = </u> | |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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2. Conclusion

The applicant notes that the Office action does not set forth any basis for rejection for any of claims 1-17 other than the double patenting rejections. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer being filed herewith, the applicant therefore believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 50-0496, in accordance with the Transmittal submitted berewith. The Examiner is also authorized to debit any other fees required in connection with this application, or to credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,

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